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The following factors reportedly are limiting the production of the Moste chemical factory located in Ljubljana:

- Old and worn machinery.
- Shortage of spare parts, particularly of the nets for "Kelly" filters, previously imported from Hungary
- Shortage and poor quality of coal, sometimes closing down the factory altogether.
- Output of soda bi-chrome is limited as only very small quantities of raw material are available through primitive methods of extraction.
- Respiratory diseases contracted by workers who have no means of protection against them.
- Actual output of chrome oxide is about 40 percent of designed capacity and this production is only obtained by great efforts.
- Output of aluminium sulphate and lead sulphide is normally greater than designed output.
- There is a great shortage of tubes and the condition of the factory is poor.
- Shortage of experts and skilled workers.

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